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PRE-TRIAL HEARING FOR NAVY LIEUTENANT SET FOR MONDAY

Norfolk, Va. (CNRMA) – A pre-trial hearing for a Navy lieutenant charged with disobeying a lawful order will be held Monday, Aug. 14 at the Navy Regional Legal Service Office on board Naval Station Norfolk.

Lieutenant Gordon J. Klingenschmitt is charged with violating Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice by disobeying a lawful order from a superior commissioned officer. The charge against the Navy lieutenant alleges that he disobeyed a lawful order by wearing his uniform during a March 30, 2006 press conference outside the White House, after his commanding officer ordered him not to.

The Navy in May referred the charges to a special court-martial after Klingenschmitt refused the option of having the allegation resolved at a non-judicial, administrative disciplinary hearing.

Under the law, he is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at a court-martial.

The special court-martial is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 11, 2006 at the same venue.

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Additional information on this case and previous media releases may be found on-line at www.cnrma.navy.mil/newsroom by 8/12/06. News media planning to attend the hearing please plan to arrive at the Navy Tour and Information Center, 9079 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, Va., Not Later Than 8:15 a.m., Monday, Aug. 14, 2006. For additional information, contact Jim Moir at (757) 322-2853.